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Mrs. W. B. Durant.
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William H. Neal.
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Mr. Piper.

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Mrs. Wright. | Miss Ellis.

Mrs. Westcott.

And the monthly visitors.

Monthly Visitors.

Dec.	1.	Miss Ellis.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Bacon.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. Durant.
March	1.	Mrs. Teele.	March	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
April	1.	Miss Murdock.	April	15.	Mrs. White.
May	1.	Mrs. Durant.	May	15.	Miss Palmer.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Mrs. Davis.	July	15.	Miss Ellis.
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. White.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Bacon.	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Davis.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Nov.	1.	Miss Palmer.	Nov.	15.	Miss Murdock.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November, and on the second Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

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OF

THE AVON HOME.

THE record of the past year at the Avon Home gives us courage and hope. There have been no startling events, but we have "held our own," kept free from debt, and had no death in the Home. We have received in the course of the year twenty-seven children. Twenty have been discharged, some too old to remain, but all taken by relatives and friends. We have two interesting colored children whose parents were educated at Hampton; but at the death of their mother, the father was glad to commit them to our care.

We have never felt more sure that our group of children were happy and forming good habits. Our matron has been unwearied in her devotion to them, and our assistant matron has proved very successful in the art of teaching them to play amicably together in their out-door and in-door games. A love of flowers has also been fostered by watching the growing plants, each child caring for his own little garden, and learning the pleasure of giving as well as of receiving.

Our nurse, who has been with us for several years, has taken motherly care of the infants, who are pathetic little objects when first brought to us, but soon grow bright and rosy under her loving-kindness.

Many of our children have been ill, from time to time, with diseases incident to childhood; but we must thank

the prompt and efficient attention of our physicians that not one case has proved fatal. We infer that the interest in the Home has been more general, because of the larger sum received from our May-day Fair. It amounted to eleven hundred dollars, — nearly two hundred more than last year.

We have also received, from the estate of the late John W. Randall, the sum of one thousand dollars, and the same amount left us as a legacy from Mr. James Mellen, both to be added to our permanent fund.

The "Gilman" and the "Sunshine" rooms have both been refurnished this year by classes in the Sunday School of the Shepard Church. Clubs and sewing circles have remembered us most kindly, and from families many nicely repaired, partly worn, garments have been very acceptable. We find in our list of those personally interested in our charity the same names repeated from year to year.

Mr. Mandell still brings his own carriage, and those of his friends, for the annual long drive into the country for children, matrons, and all employed in the Home. Miss Manson mingles with her kindergarten lessons to her school the thought that her scholars have duties to those children less favored than themselves, and brings her own and their useful offerings.

Christmas always brings many gifts from churches and individuals. Our list of benefactions in another part of our report will show the interest taken at that time. The First Parish Church, St. John's Memorial Chapel, and Dr. McKenzie's Church always remember us, bringing pleasant invitations to entertainments and giving lasting benefits in the way of clothing and toys. Some of our own trustees are ready to give the children excursions in the summer vacation, and this year one of them invited all to her own seaside home, where they enjoyed a delightful lunch with their matrons and as many of the trustees as could be brought together at that season. Now, looking

at this side of the question, what can we expect, or wish for more? We desire a more personal interest. We have among our contributors women to whom their gift to us means a day's hard work; others, who earn their daily bread by toil with their hands, will sometimes put five dollars into our treasury. If all our richer neighbors would give in proportion to their riches as these do in their penury, we should never have to beg.

The Dorchester Industrial School and our Home have this year exchanged courtesies. Our children entertained them for one day, and afterward received, and with joy accepted, an invitation for a day in their beautiful grounds.

Statistics alone cannot show the good done by the Avon Home. It is like the leaven which the woman took and hid in three measures of meal. And although we cannot say that the whole is leavened, yet we have many convincing proofs that our labor has not been in vain.

A fine-looking young man presented himself to some of the trustees this year, thanking them for the care of his childhood, and giving them an account of the happy home which they provided for him, and which had proved of great value both to parents and child. Now, at the age of twenty-one, he was to be taken as a partner into his father's business. We know of no other case, perhaps, so entirely satisfactory; but we have reason to rejoice in many excellent results. We still go on in the old way, but seeing more and more the possibilities of extended usefulness if we only had the means. We ought not to despair when we remember our small beginning, when we could only make five little children happy; and now we have forty children enjoying fresh air, cleanliness, and good food, combined with good physical, mental, and moral training. But it is a great sorrow to send them out into the wide, or rather the narrow, world, where they lose much that they have gained. We long to make our work effectual in shaping the future of our children; and although this

seems like yearly repetition, it is felt as a need pressing more and more on our hearts. The gift of the Concord farm seemed to open the way for a school for boys which should give them skill in farming, and as the means became larger give them all kinds of manual training.

There is but this one place of refuge for neglected children in this large city. When we see them growing up without any good influences, when we have our fruit and our flowers stolen, our birds and squirrels stoned for cruel sport, we complain, and ask for the police. But what do we do to prevent this state of things? We teach our own children the Golden Rule, but how is that "royal law" to affect those children who have never even heard of it unless we provide some place where they can be taught in their early youth the first principles of right and wrong?

Upon this ground alone we once more ask the aid of the Cambridge public, not only for the support of the Home in its present methods, but also for its advancement in using the resources of our Concord farm. If we can wisely carry on this enterprise, which we consider noble work, it will be an honor to the City of Cambridge.

We cannot close our report without expressing our sorrow for the resignation of two highly valued trustees from our Board. Mrs. Sheffield, who was with us eight years, and was an efficient, conscientious helper, has resigned because of more pressing engagements. Our valuable legal adviser, Mr. Munroe, who has aided us in our investments, finds it impossible to be present at our meetings, but generously still offers us any assistance that he can render. He has been with us for four years.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH S. STORER.
ALICE G. TEELE.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Donation from William Taggard Piper	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily Burleigh	500.00
Donation of Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
	$43,091.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00
Piano Fund	10.27

The Funds are invested as follows: —

Notes secured by Mortgages	$20,100.00
Bonds	18,498.05
Railway Shares	3,606.00
Savings Bank deposit	1,397.27

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1896, Nov. 13.		
Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$265.86
To Cash from year ending November 10, 1897: —		
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in Prospect St. Church	$9.87	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	130.00	
Children's Sale at Mrs. E. D. Mellen's	59.32	
Subscription Whist by E. O. W. Bee	35.00	
The Hive	10.00	
H. M. S. Circle	51.10	
Holdfast Circle, Shepard Sunday School	21.00	
Mrs. F. A. Hill's Class, Shepard Sunday School	10.50	
Shepard Sunday School	28.37	
Primary Class, North Ave. Baptist Sunday School	11.25	
Harvard St. M. E. Church	3.62	
Prospect St. Congregational Society	8.57	
St. John's Memorial Chapel	100.00	
Individual Donations	731.31	
Annual Subscriptions	1,015.00	
Board	425.25	
General Income: — From Investments, $1,894.09		
" Other Sources 52.59		
	1,946.68	
May Sale	1,101.32	
Sale of Wood and Rent of Concord Farm	272.50	
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00	
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00	
		7,970.66
Received on account of Mortgage	1,000.00	
Matured Bonds	4,000.00	5,000.00
		$13,236.52

November 11, 1897.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.

OLIVER H. DURRELL.

1897, Nov. 10.		
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$1,988.50	
Provisions and Groceries	1,736.96	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	528.39	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	301.05	
Furniture and House Utensils	188.90	
Improvements and Repairs	268.46	
Druggist	19.45	
Printing	70.00	
Insurance	9.00	
Excursions	39.00	
Repairs, Insurance and Taxes on Concord Farm	190.00	
Premium on Investments	237.50	
Sundries	59.91	
		$5,637.12
Invested for Permanent Fund		7,250.00
Piano Fund		10.27
Balance apportioned as follows		
Held for H. M. S. Room	51.10	
Cash on hand for Current Expenses	288.03	
		339.13
		$13,236.52

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$5.00
Mrs. G. W. Abbot	5.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Bacon	1.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	1.00
Mrs. John Bartlett	5.00
Mrs. A. R. Bayley	2.00
Mrs. J. W. Bemis	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	2.00
O. T. Boyd	2.00
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Mrs. S. F. Burt	1.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00
The Misses Cary	5.00
Mrs. Newell Chamberlain	1.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	1.00
D. U. Chamberlin	5.00
The Misses Chapman	5.00
Mrs. A. P. Clark	1.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00
Mrs. William Cook	5.00
Wm. F. Corne	2.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00
Mrs. John Crawford	1.00
Mrs. Samuel Davis	5.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dresser	15.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	2.00
Oliver H. Durrell	50.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00
Miss M. A. Ellis	10.00
Mrs. T. H. Emerson	1.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Fisk	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Floyd	1.00
Mrs. G. H. Folger	2.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	25.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00
K. Francke	3.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	2.00
Mrs. L. M. Goodnow	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00
Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. C. H. Grandgent	5.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	$10.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00
Miss E. W. Green	2.00
Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. L. B. Grover	1.00
Mrs. C. L. Harding	5.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	20.00
Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Miss M. L. Heywood	1.00
Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	5.00
Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Mrs. A. A. Howard	2.00
Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
R. J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. Anna E. Jones	1.00
B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Jones	10.00
Mrs. H. E. Jones	5.00
C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Lane	10.00
Mrs. D. D. Lawrence	2.00
Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
D. W. Lyon	2.00
Mrs. F. Maguire	1.00
Mrs. S. L. Montague	10.00
Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Miss Jennie Moore	1.00
Miss H. W. Munroe	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munroe	20.00
Miss Murdock	10.00
J. J. Myers	5.00
N. C. Nash	2.00
Miss S. R. Neal	2.00
Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	5.00
Mrs. F. Odiorne	1.00
Miss S. H. Page	1.00
Miss Jeannie W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	2.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	20.00
Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
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Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
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Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. B. R. Rand	5.00
Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. W. H. Raymond	1.00
C. C. Read	5.00
William Read	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00

Mrs. W. T. Richardson	$5.00
Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00
Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	20.00
Mrs. G. E. Ryder	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. M. C. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Billings Smith	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Smith	3.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Mrs. R. L. Snow	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00
Mrs. W. F. Stark	2.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. W. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00
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Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. J. H. Thayer	$2.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00
Mrs. A. S. Toffey	10.00
Mrs. A. T. Turner, Jr.	2.00
B. Vaughan	30.00
F. W. Vaughan	5.00
Miss M. H. Virgin	2.00
A. S. Waitt	5.00
Miss C. L. Ware	3.00
Mrs. Rufus Warren	6.00
Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
C. J. White	20.00
Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. S. B. Whiting	5.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Mrs. Alfred Wood	1.00
Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00
Miss M. C. Wyman	2.00
A Friend	10.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$20.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee	3.00
Mrs. E. M. Anthony	2.00
Mr. A. D. S. Bell	5.00
F. R. C.	10.00
Miss E. C. Campbell	5.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	20.00
S. C. Chandler	20.00
Robert Cowen	100.00
Mrs. John Davis	10.53
Mrs. W. M. Davis	10.00
J. E. Dennison	1.00
E. S. Dixwell	100.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	20.00
W. G. Farlow	10.00
Mrs. N. Folsom	2.00
Charles G. Green	10.00
J. J. Greenough	5.00
W. M. Griswold	10.00
P. H. Hanus	2.00
Mrs. J. A. Henshaw	5.00
Mrs. H. E. Holmes	1.00
J. P. Hopkinson	20.00
Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Mrs. G. Minot	1.00
J. C. Moor	2.00
W. A. Munroe	12.00
Miss Murdock	$8.00
Miss Grace Norton	5.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	5.00
The Misses Peabody	50.00
William Taggard Piper	25.00
George Portch	5.00
G. F. Ricker	1.78
H. C. S.	20.00
Mrs. S. P. Sharples	1.00
Mrs. S. S. Sleeper	25.00
Mrs. Jeremiah Smith	5.00
Mrs. C. E. Stratton	5.00
Mrs. B. W. Taggard	5.00
Mrs. W. R. Thayer	5.00
Mrs. Roland Thaxter	5.00
Mrs. J. G. Thorp	15.00
Mrs. A. S. Toffey	10.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	10.00
Miss Maria Whitney	5.00
John Wilson & Son	10.00
Miss Alice M. Yeager	1.00
Louis Yeager	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Yerxa	40.00
A Friend	2.00
A Friend	50.00
A Friend through Professor Davis	5.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending October 31, 1897.

1896. **November.** From 37 Concord Avenue, basket of eggs; Y. W. C. A., four loaves of cake; Mrs. William B. Lambert, clothing and pictures; Mrs. E. A. Darling, five dresses; Club, "Limited," flannel nightgown; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, three nightgowns, two pairs trousers, gaiters, rubber boots, coat, cap, and dress; H. M. S. Club, three sheets, two pillow-cases, one towel; Unknown Friend, two barrels apples; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, three boys' suits, slippers and underwaists, two skirts, rubber coats and caps, one dress, rubber boots, and shoes; Mrs. Charles Deane, bushel apples; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, twelve knitted hoods; from Miss Lathrop's school, through Mrs. Roland Thaxter, kindergarten and school materials; from Celia Thaxter's grandchildren, Celia Thaxter's "Stories and Poems for Children;" Miss Christine Farley, woollen skirt and jacket; Mr. George F. Ricker, cleaning rugs; Needlework Guild, Mrs. Kehew, President, forty new garments; Mr. George S. Merrill, ten barrels apples; Mr. Frank P. Merrill, one barrel apples; First Parish Sunday School and Mrs. Goodwin's class, two baskets Thanksgiving fruit; Mrs. Robert N. Toppan, one turkey; Mrs. B. Vaughan, one turkey; Mrs. W. B. Storer, one turkey; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Amee, Kittery Point, Me., two barrels apples; Mrs. M. A. Studley, three petticoats, one shirt, coat, and flannel waist; Pilgrim Congregational Church, papers; Miss Moore, one barrel apples; Mrs. John Read, five dollars for Thanksgiving "extras."

December. Mr. J. S. Paine, thirty-one boxes confectionery; Mr. James Gray, one barrel apples; Mrs. E. D. Mellen, three shirts, two dresses, coats, caps, ties, hat, gloves, and shoes; Mr. James Atkins Noyes, three nightgowns, two wrappers, coats, and mittens; Club, "Limited," nightgowns and aprons; Woman's Auxiliary, cake and pop-corn; Mrs. F. L. Cunningham, eight shirts, two kilts, coat, drawers, rubber boots, and slippers; A Friend, six aprons, six waists, three hats, two reefers, rubber coats, and shirt; Mrs. W. E. Stone, two coats, shoes, and stockings; Mrs. Burgess and Mrs. Wales, eleven coats, two pairs trousers, shirts, caps, and stockings; Mrs. M. P. White, three shirts, reefer, sailor suit, and gloves; Mrs. W. E. Stone, toys, two shirts, waist, drawers, and stockings; Pilgrim Congregational Church, Y. P. S. C. E., papers; Mrs. John Davis, twenty-five yards outing flannel; Nancy and Ralph Piper, toys; Mr. William A. Munroe, toys for every child; Mrs. W. B. Durant, three pairs gloves, two pairs leggings, caps, and one suit; Miss Grave, Norwood, Mass., workbag; Mrs. John G. Morrison, three woollen dresses and one cotton dress; Mrs. Stearns, twenty Christmas toys; Prof. John H. Wright, four boys' suits, blouses, shirts, caps, stockings, and toys; Mrs. S. H. Swan, barrel apples; Randolph and Edmund Kelley, five pairs mittens, coat, cap, and Christmas bon-bons for each child; Miss Mann, toys; North Avenue Universalist Society, toys; Mrs. William Taggard Piper, turkey; Mrs. R. B. Storer, oranges; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, box of oranges, figs, and candy; Mrs. W. M. Jameson, five dresses, three pairs shoes, two flannel skirts, two waists, drawers, and slippers; Lucile Mellen, pop-corn, candy, and toys; Mrs. Stewart and Miss Fitzgerald, paper flowers and dolls; Mrs. Fish, magazines; Mrs. Waldo K. Chase, one dress, two waists, three pairs shoes, six pairs drawers; Mr. and Mrs. George P. Lawrence, music-box, discs, and cabinet; A memorial to Alanson Richmond Lawrence; Shepard Church, seven aprons.

1897. **January.** Miss S. Ropes, toys; Miss McKeller, Assonet, Mass., scrap-book made by primary class; Shepard Church, apples, candy, and cake; Friend, two barrels apples; Mrs. Albert Long, toy crackers; "No

Name Club," thirty new garments, seven nightgowns, five skirts, four blouses, two aprons, one dress, and eleven pairs drawers; "Holdfast Circle King's Daughters," two calico aprons; Mrs. Waldo K. Chase, two hats, one dress, one coat, cap, and leggings; Mrs. Walter Woodman, four collars, three pairs mittens, three shirts, two pairs stockings, one pair shoes, rubbers, drawers, and cuffs; "Basket Club," knitted jacket; Mrs. Cyrus Crosby, knitted doll; Miss S. C. Scudder, two calendars; Professor Davis, box of blocks; Mrs. Scorgie, eight quarts milk; Mrs. W. B. Durant, rubber coat; Miss Clara Mason, clothing; Friend, thirty-six yards outing flannel.

February. Mrs. Charles E. Pierce, one cape, one knitted jacket; Mrs. Scorgie, four quarts milk; Miss Charlotte T. Cross, "Youth's Companion" for one year; Mrs. D. W. Ellis, six pairs drawers, two flannel shirts, one waist; "The Club," two flannel blouses, two aprons, two skirts; Mrs. Westcott, woollen material for dresses; Professor Taussig, box of tools; Friend, three pairs shoes, nine pairs stockings, two blouses, two caps, one pair trousers, one dress, one skirt, and one coat; Helen Eustis, one muff; Pilgrim Congregational Church, Y. P. S. C. E., papers; Ladies' Circle of North Avenue Congregational Church, making of nine nightgowns; A Friend, candy; Mrs. Edwin A. Hildreth, three dresses, two pairs drawers, two skirts, two pairs stockings, one cap, and magazines; "The Club," four flannel blouses, apron, and skirt; "Holdfast Circle," one apron; "O. B. Club," four flannel skirts, one nightgown, one apron; Mrs. Hodges, material for trousers; Winifred Rogers, valentines and magazines; Dr. Morrill Wyman, barrel of apples; Sewing Club, "Limited," five nightgowns, one apron; "The Guild," two infants' nightgowns, four shirts, two barrels; "Cambridge Photograph Club," ice cream and cake.

March. New Church Sewing Society, six woollen dresses, the making of three woollen dresses, and one dozen bibs; Mrs. William C. Lane, cards; Mrs. T. D. Foster, four shirt waists; Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch, two pairs drawers; Mrs. Davis, woollen material for dress; Miss Murdock, two large brooms, one dozen children's brooms; Mrs. W. T. Sears, Boston, six new flannel skirts; Sewing Club, "Limited," four nightgowns, five aprons; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, nine pairs stockings, six aprons, two blouses, two pairs trousers, one cap, one hat, two cotton dresses, one cotton suit for boy; "The Crickets," making of twenty-four under-waists; Prospect Street Congregational Church, twenty-four flannel blouses; Mrs. C. L. Harding, cotton material for dresses; Mrs. M. E. Harding, two jackets, two hats, one cap, two dresses; Ernest Ward Thompson, toys; Mrs. Scorgie, milk.

April. Dr. Wyman, barrel of apples; "C. B. M. C. Club," making two dresses; through Mrs. S. A. Studley, four cotton dresses, two coats; box of cards and toys from Dover, N. H.; A Friend, two white skirts, one shirt and one waist; Mrs. Charles R. Shaw, one cotton dress, one woollen dress, one waist, one pair boots; Mr. G. F. Ricker, cleaning three rugs; Y. W. C. A. King's Daughters, one doll; Mrs. C. E. Pierce, framed pictures for the nursery; Mrs. G. W. C. Noble, six flannel skirts, one cotton dress; Mrs. C. W. Saunders, three pairs shoes, two pairs stockings, one woollen dress, one cotton dress, one nightgown, shirt, and hat; Shepard Church, seventeen aprons; Miss Whitney, maple syrup; Mrs. J. D. Estabrook, seven shirt waists, two pairs trousers, one pair stockings; "Basket Club," thirteen nursery napkins, fifteen flannelette dresses, twenty-one napkins; Mrs. Spelman, eight nightgowns, four flannelette dresses, four skirts, three aprons; Miss Peabody, six flannelette and gingham dresses; Mrs. Fisk, Pawnee Indian dolls; Herbert A. Sturtevant, toys.

May. Mrs. T. D. Foster, two blouses; Mrs. Agassiz, three dresses; Mr. Charles R. Teele, two boxes laundry soap, and toilet soap; Mrs. Cunningham, toys; Mrs. Bacon, two pairs drawers, one nightgown, skirt, and infant's blanket; Ladies' Benevolent Society of North Avenue Congregational Church, making six nightgowns; Theodora and Sidney Kimball,

Eva A. Sanderson, violets; Miss Murdock, maple syrup; North Avenue Congregational Church, box of groceries; May Sale, one hammock; Mrs. Charles Morrell, three coats; Sewing Club, "Limited," five cotton flannel nightgowns, three aprons; Mrs. White, five nightgowns, one flannel nightgown, nine aprons, four skirts; Mrs. Bemis and Mrs. Strong, eight aprons, two dresses, two bibs; Mrs. Waldo K. Chase, eight dresses, four waists, four skirts, four pairs drawers, three hats, two jackets, one nightgown; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, five pairs stockings, four nightgowns, three coats, two dresses, two shirts, two pairs slippers, one pair trousers, one cap; Mrs. R. H. Dana, three shirt waists, two aprons, one pair shoes, one pair trousers, one nightgown; North Avenue Baptist Church, twelve aprons, four cotton dresses; "The Club," seven aprons, two nightgowns, two skirts, one dress; Miss Theodora Kimball, one silk guimpe, one flannel dressing jacket, box of paper furniture; Mrs. Stone, toy; Mrs. Scorgie, sixteen quarts milk; Mrs. Woodward Emery, eight pairs stockings, two pairs boots, one pair overshoes, one dress, one coat, one pair drawers, one hood, one cap, toys; Mrs. Davis, toys; Gerry Henderson, toys; Rev. Mr. Vinal, two small chairs, six pictures, toys; St. John's Guild, ice cream and cake; "The Hive," twenty pairs cotton drawers, thirteen pairs flannel drawers, sixteen waists; "O. B. Club," three aprons, three pairs drawers.

June. Mrs. Robert Willard, four flannel skirts; "The Club," three aprons; Mrs. William Read, two infants' bands, one apron; The F. E. N. A. W., nineteen aprons, one nightgown; Mrs. P. T. Jackson, large doll house; Mrs. P. G. Porter, books; Mr. J. A. Noyes, ten pairs drawers, three skirts, three waists, two dresses, two wrappers, two pairs shoes, one pair rubbers; Sewing Club, "Limited," six aprons, four nightgowns; Dr. C. B. Tower, one coat, Mellin's Food; Mrs. Waterhouse, baby carriage; Mrs. S. C. Chandler, baby carriage; Holdfast Club, eleven aprons; Sewing Club, "Limited," nine aprons, three nightgowns; Mrs. E. L. Howlett, five dresses, four blouses, four shirts, four pairs drawers, three pairs shoes, one hat, one coat, one waterproof, one pair slippers.

July. Prof. E. Emerton, parlor croquet set; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, four pairs shoes, three pairs stockings, one boy's suit, one nightgown; Mrs. Williams, clothing; Sewing Club, "Limited," one nightgown; Mrs. George Dexter, toys.

August. Mrs. Chauncey Smith, pears; Holdfast Circle, one apron; Mrs. C. F. Dunbar, nine aprons, seven skirts, three bibs, one pair drawers; collected by Mrs. Moulton, five waists, four shirt waists, four shirts, three skirts, three pairs drawers.

September. Dr. Wyman, pears; Mrs. Smith, one barrel pears; Miss Mary Hayes, box pears; Mrs. Abrams, toys, three cups and saucers; Mrs. Sortwell, bushel pears; Mrs. H. Hinkley, pears; Mrs. William Lockhart, two bushels pears; Mrs. Jameson, two large pictures; Mrs. Scorgie, four jars jelly, and milk; Mrs. Hunnewell, two coats, two guimpes, one dress; Mrs. Scorgie, milk; Miss Gates, one coat.

October. Mrs. C. F. Dunbar, one apron, one flannel skirt, one pair drawers, one bib; Miss Putnam, making four gingham dresses; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, ten pairs stockings, five shirts, four pairs drawers, four collars, seven pairs new stockings, three dresses, three boys' blouses, two pairs slippers, one pair boots, one pair trousers, one shirt waist, one nightgown; Mrs. Scorgie, milk and pears; Mrs. Charles W. Stone, six shirt waists, five skirts, two coats, one cap, one quilt, one waterproof, one cotton dress, one infant's jacket, two baskets; Miss Burton, pears; Mrs. R. Kennedy, barrel pears; Miss Smith, three hats, two caps; Mrs. William M. Raymond and Mrs. H. H. Turner, twenty towel bibs.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be seventeen in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Nine Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Corporation for adoption, unless removed within six months after the end of the designated period of re-admission.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Corporation for approval at its next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child shall be allowed, except in an emergency, to be out of the Home after 7 P. M., without a special written permit from one of the Committee on Admission and the consent of the Matron, previously obtained.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and second Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties

mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.